(c) The Govt. of India have initiated a number of nutrition programmes in different states including U. P. Such programmes are:—

1. Prophylaxis programme against blindness due to Vitamin 'A' deficiency.

2. Prophylaxis programme to prevent nutritional anemia in mothers and children.

3. Goitre Control Programme.

4. Integrated Child Development services Scheme (ICDS).

5. Special Nutrition Programme (SNP).

6. Balwadi Nutrition Programme (BNP).

7. Mid-day Meal Programme.

Remittances Received from NRIs

1324. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to attract remittances from NRIs from all over the world;

(b) the reasons for which interest rate for FCNR deposits was reduced from 13,95 per cent offered four years back; and

(c) whether the Nationalised Banks functioning in foreign countries will be permitted to receive NRI Deposits and to issue Deposit Receipts as per the law of those countries to infuse confidence among the depositors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Government has been floating schemes to attract NRI remittance from time to time. New schemes have also been proposed as part of the budget proposals for 1991-92.

(b) FCNR deposits did not carry an interest rate of 13.95 per cent per annum four years ago. The interest rates on FCNR Deposits are regularly reviewed in the light of prevailing interest rates in overseas markets so that they are not at significant variance with the interest rates abroad, yet are attractive enough for NRIs to invest in India.

(c) Six public sector banks have been granted permission to accept FCNR deposits and issue receipts at their branches abroad in conformity with the local laws.

अल्पसंख्यक आयोग की सिफारिशें

1325 **मौलाना अबैदुल्ला खान आजमी:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अल्पसंख्यक आयोग के नवीनतम प्रतिवेदन में क्या क्या सिफारिशें अंतर्विष्ट हैं;

(ख) सरकार ने अब तक उनमें से कितनी सिफारिशें स्वीकार की हैं और कितनों को लागू कर दिया गया है; और

(ग) वे कौन-कौन सी सिफारिशें हैं जिनको सरकार ने स्वीकार नहीं किया है और इसका क्या कारण है?

कल्याण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्रीमती के. कमला कुमारी) : (क) से (ग) अल्पसंख्यक आयोग की 1989-90 की 12वीं वार्षिक रिपोर्ट आयोग द्वारा 12-7-1991 को कल्याण मंत्री को प्रस्तुत की गई थी। सिफारिशों पर निर्णय जांच के बाद लिया जाएगा।

Stipend paid to B.H.M.S. interns by Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College

1326. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of stipend paid to B.H.M.S. interns by the

Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital, Defence Colony, New Delhi;

(b) what is the amount of stipend being paid to the MBBS interns by Government in different colleges and hospitals in Delhi;

(c) what are the reasons for the difference, if any; and

(d) by when Government propose to pay equal stipend to all the interns whether BHMS or MBBS when they have same basic qualifications and completed 4 years course?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) B.H.M.S. interns of Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College are paid a stipend of Rs. 800|- per month.

(b) M.B.B.S. interns in medical colleges under Delhi Administration are being paid Rs. 1300|- per month as stipend. However, the rate of stipend for interns belonging to Central Government Institutions|Hospitals including statutory|autonomous bodies wholly financed by the Central Government has been fixed at Rs. 1,650|- per month with effect from 1.1.1991.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Central Government at present.

Reduction in the Dominance of Public Sector on the Economy

1327. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to gradually reduce the dominance of the public sector in the economy of the country; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that many of the private sector companies have Government financial institutions as the majority shareholders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE SHRI (RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir. Governments' policy on public sector has already been enuniciated in the Statement on Industrial Policy presented to this House on 24th July, 1991. The main thrust of the policy is on improving the efficiency of the public sector which would continue to innovate and lead in strategic areas of national importance.

(b) A few private sector companies have Government Financial Institutions as the majority shareholders. Out of more than 1400 private sector companies assisted by the All India Financial Institutions as on 31.3.1990, only 20 were having majority shareholding by these Financial Institutions.

Notice Received from A.I.R.R.B.E.A Regarding Implementation of National Industrial Tribunal Award

1328. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a notice of agitational programme from All India Regional Rural Bank Employees' Association regarding implementation of National Industrial Tribunal's Award; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to resolve these issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The All India Regional Rural Bank Employee's Association have staged a day long dharna at New Delhi on 26.07.91 in support of their demand to resolve matters connected with the implementaion of the Award of the National Indusrial Tribunal relating to Regional Rural Bank Employees. The Association also pro-